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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. PORTUGAL: SERVICE CHIEFS' TOUR D'HORIZON

ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN MET WITH THE PORTUGUESE SERVICE CHIEFS JANUARY 26 FOR DISCUSSIONS OF POLITICAL AND MILITARY MATTERS. ARMY CHIEF EANES SAID:

; --THE AFM-PARTIES PACT WAS NOT EXPECTED TO BE ACCEPTED
- IN ITS INITIAL FORM; A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE COMPROMISE
- WILL EMERGE.

--THE PS HAS ALREADY AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO A COMPRO-
- MISE PLAN, AND THE PPD, DESPITE PUBLIC POSTURING, IS
- NOT FAR BEHIND.

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WHILE POINTING OUT THE NEED FOR CAUTION, ALL THREE SERVICE

CHIEFS SPOKE IN FAVOR OF AN INCREASED PORTUGUESE-NATO
MILITARY RELATIONSHIP. (SECRET) LISBON 641, 1/29 (LIMDIS)

2. CYPRUS: THE COUNCILS' HARD LINE

EMBASSY NICOSIA HAS LEARNED THAT THE GREEK CYPRIOT NATIONAL
COUNCIL AND COUNCIL OF MINISTERS HAVE FORMED THEIR CONDI-
TIONS FOR THE RESUMPTION OF TALKS IN VIENNA:

--CLERIDES' STATUS AS NEGOTIATOR WILL BE EXACTLY THE
SAME AS IN PREVIOUS ROUNDS.

--THE GREEK CYPRIOTS INSIST THAT CHIEF JUSTICE
TRIANTAFYLIDES AND HOUSE VICE PRESIDENT PAPADOPOULOS
MUST SIT AT THE TABLE AS ADVISORS.

--ONLY IF "AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE" IS REACHED ON
TERRITORY MAY CLERIDES AGREE TO SET UP SUBCOMMITTEES
OR DISCUSS FEDERATION AND THE POWERS OF THE CENTRAL
GOVERNMENT.

--CLERIDES WILL NOT BE AUTHORIZED TO DISCUSS SUBSI-
DIARY ISSUES.

SYG SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE DE CUELLAR HAS NOT YET INFORMED
DENKTASH OF THE ABOVE CONDITIONS AND WILL NOT UNTIL HE
RECEIVES INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE SYG TO DO SO. (CONFIDENTIAL)
NICOSIA 276, 1/29 (EXDIS)

3. SAHARA

A. THE VIEW FROM RABAT

AS ALGERIAN-MOROCCAN CLASHES CONTINUED JANUARY 29, THE GOM
ISSUED A COMMUNIQUE CLAIMING MOROCCAN FORCES NOW HOLD 29
ALGERIAN PRISONERS. EMBASSY RABAT TENDERS ITS ASSESSMENT
OF THE CONFLICT AT THIS STAGE:

--LOCALIZED CLASHES WILL CONTINUE FOR A FEW DAYS AS
MOROCCO CONTINUES ITS SWEEP OPERATION.

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--THE GOM IS LIKELY TO PAUSE BEFORE UNDERTAKING THE
LAST PHASE OF SAHARA CONSOLIDATION IN THE SENSITIVE
MAHBES AREA, WHERE A MAJOR ALGERIAN EFFORT IS IM-
PROBABLE.

--THERE IS NO EVIDENCE OF ANY THIRD COUNTRY TECHNI-
CIANS IN THE SAHARA ALTHOUGH THERE ARE A FEW SOVIETS

NEAR TINDOUF.

--THE SOVIETS SEEM TO BE TRYING HARD TO PRESERVE GOOD

RELATIONS WITH MOROCCO.

TO EMBASSY RABAT, THE INITIATIVE FOR WAR OR PEACE APPEARS
TO LIE WITH ALGERIA. (SECRET) RABAT 487, 1/29 (EXDIS)

B. ALGERIAN INITIATIVES

ALGERIAN LEADERS JANUARY 28 SENT A FLURRY OF MESSAGES TO
CHIEFS OF STATE AND HELD MEETINGS WITH ARAB AND OTHER
EMISSARIES, STRESSING THE PRINCIPLE OF SELF-DETERMINATION
BUT REQUESTING NO PARTICULAR ACTION. EMBASSY ALGIERS
NOTES:

--THE GOA APPARENTLY CONSIDERS A REFERENDUM THE ONLY
MEANS OF APPLYING THIS PRINCIPLE.

--GIVEN THE PREVIOUS LACK OF SUPPORT FOR THE ALGERIAN
POSITION, ESPECIALLY IN THE ARAB WORLD, IT IS DIFFI-
CULT TO SEE HOW AN ACCEPTABLE DIPLOMATIC SOLUTION CAN
BE REACHED.

AS ALGERIAN MEDIA HARPED ON THE "AMERICAN IMPERIALIST"
CONNECTION WITH MOROCCO, CHARGE LYNE WAS CALLED TO THE MFA
TO EXPLAIN REPORTS THAT THE USG IS SUPPLYING MOROCCO WITH
MILITARY EQUIPMENT. (CONFIDENTIAL) ALGIERS 218, 231, 1/29
(LIMDIS)

4. ANGOLA: NETO DOWNPLAYS SOVIET INFLUENCE

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A YUGOSLAV DIPLOMAT HAS INFORMED USUN THAT NETO TOLD THE
YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR IN LUANDA ON JANUARY 24 THAT ANGOLA
WILL NOT BECOME A SOVIET PAWN. NETO ALSO SAID ANGOLA WILL
APPLY TO JOIN THE NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE WITH THE KNOWLEDGE
THAT THE ABSENCE OF FOREIGN TROOPS IS A QUALIFICATION FOR
MEMBERSHIP. (CONFIDENTIAL) USUN 320 1/29

5. LEBANON: SETTLING DOWN TO ASSESS THE DAMAGE

EMBASSY BEIRUT NOTES THAT, AFTER SIX DAYS OF RELATIVE CALM,
LEBANON IS ONLY NOW BEGINNING TO ASSESS THE DAMAGE. THE
EMBASSY ESTIMATES THAT:

--THE INTERNAL SECURITY FORCES ARE SPLIT ALONG C
CHRISTIAN-MOSLEM LINES AND DO NOT EXIST AS AN EFFECT-

IVE FORCE.

--THE ARMY IS ON ITS KNEES AND IS ONLY marginally
EFFECTIVE.

BEIRUT AND THE COUNTRYSIDE REMAIN CALM DESPITE MINOR
INCIDENTS AND THE RUMORED KIDNAPPING OF SOME 25 PERSONS.
(CONFIDENTIAL) BEIRUT 957, 1/29 KISSINGER

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